Development of Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh

1341. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by the Government for the development of tourist places in the Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount allocated for the purpose during the Ninth Plan; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR); (a) to (c) Central financial assistance sanctioned/released during last three years to Arunachal Pradesh is as under:—

Year	Amount .Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
199(6-97	2.00
1997-98	271.00
1998-99	178.30

Development of tourism is mainly undertaken by the State/UT Governments. However, to strengthen their efforts Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to them for the projects/schemes prioritised every year in consultation with them. During 1999-200©, 43"projects have been prioritised for an amount of Rs. 886.50 lakhs.

New Tourism Policy

1342. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Tourism Policy which is hanging fire for the last two years is likely to be finalised and presented in the Budget Session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new policy;

(c) whether the new policy envisage the active involvement of the Private Sector in this key area and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) what specific measures are being contemplated to attract foreign tourists during the millennium celebrations which continue upto the sunrise of 2001 A.D.?